

### REMARKS

Applicants have amended the independent claims to claim a blend of a biodegradable polymer and an inert particle filler. This small amount by weight of a volatile corrosion inhibitor has been deleted from the claims. New claims 10 and 11 have been added.

Basis of support for the now claimed invention is set forth in at least the Abstract and the first paragraph of the Summary of the Invention wherein the invention is stated as being a blend of a biodegradable polymer and an inert particle filler with the blend having a tensile strength of at least 2000 psi in at least one direction.

Respectfully submitted,

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